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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL DATA USE AGREEMENT (DUA)

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### (AGREEMENT FOR USE OF CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) DATA CONTAINING INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIERS)

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This agreement is needed as part of the review of your data request to ensure compliance to the requirements of the Privacy Act, and must be completed prior to the release of specified data files containing individual identifiers.

Directions for the completion of the agreement follow:

**Before completing the DUA, please note the language contained in this agreement cannot be altered in any form.**

- Introductory paragraph, enter the User's Organization Name (Provider Name and Provider Number).
- Enter Paragraph 1, enter the User's Organization Name (Provider Name and Medicare Provider Number).
- Paragraph 4 specifies the limited permissible use of the data and the persons and/or entities to whom redisclosure may be made.
- Paragraph 5 The MEDPAR data that will be provided will be the data file that was used to calculate the User's Medicare fraction of the disproportionate patient percentage for the period covered by the request (e.g., the March 2006 update version of the FFY 2005 MEDPAR file) for a provider's cost year. CMS will specify the routine use under which the data are being requested.
- Paragraph 6, is to be completed by the User to indicate how long the data will be retained (the retention date must not exceed 5 years however, CMS will extend the retention date at the request of the User for good cause shown).
- Paragraph 11 will be completed by the User.
- Paragraph 15 is to be completed by the User.
- Paragraph 16, enter the Custodian Name, Company/Organization, Address, Phone Number (including area code), and E-Mail Address (if applicable). The Custodian of files is defined as that entity or person who will have actual possession of and responsibility for the data files (such as a consulting firm and/or attorney who is prosecuting an appeal on behalf of the User-Provider). **This paragraph should be completed even if the Custodian and the User are the same.** Where more than one Custodian is listed, the data will be sent to the first one listed.
- Paragraph 18 is to be completed by Custodian.
- Paragraph 19 will be completed by a CMS representative.

Once the DUA is received and reviewed for privacy issues, a completed and signed copy will be sent to the User and Custodian(s) for their files.

## DSH DATA USE AGREEMENT FOR COST REPORTING PERIODS THAT INCLUDE DECEMBER 8, 2004 AND THEREAFTER

DUA #

### AGREEMENT FOR USE OF CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) DATA CONTAINING INDIVIDUAL-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

In order to secure data that resides in a CMS Privacy Act System of Records, and in order to ensure the integrity, security, and confidentiality of information maintained by the CMS, and to permit appropriate disclosure and use of such data as permitted by law, CMS and \_\_\_\_\_ enter into this agreement to comply with the following specific paragraphs. (Provider Name and Number)

1. This Agreement is by and between the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter termed "User." (Provider Name and Number)
2. This Agreement addresses the conditions under which CMS will disclose and User will obtain and use the CMS data file(s) specified in paragraph 5. This Agreement supersedes any and all agreements between the parties with respect to the use of data from the files specified in paragraph 5 and preempts and overrides any instructions, directions, agreements, or other understanding in or pertaining to any grant award or other prior communication from the Department of Health and Human Services or any of its components with respect to the data specified herein. Further, the terms of this Agreement can be changed only by a written modification to this Agreement or by the parties adopting a new agreement. The parties agree further that instructions or interpretations issued to User concerning this Agreement or the data specified herein, shall not be valid unless issued in writing by the CMS point-of-contact specified in paragraph 16 or the CMS signatory to this Agreement shown in paragraph 17.
3. The parties mutually agree that CMS retains all ownership rights to the data file(s) referred to in this Agreement, and that User does not obtain any right, title, or interest in any of the data furnished by CMS.
4. User represents, and in furnishing the data file(s) specified in paragraph 5. CMS relies upon such representation, that such data file(s) will be used solely for the purpose of calculating User's Medicare fraction of the disproportionate patient percentage. User represents further that User shall not disclose, release, reveal, show, sell, rent, lease, loan, or otherwise grant access to the data covered by this Agreement to any person. Exception: User may disclose, release, reveal or show individually identifiable data to the following entities (including individuals employed by or under contract with such entities) and individuals, to the extent necessary to calculate User's Medicare fraction of the disproportionate patient percentage: (1) CMS; (2) a fiscal intermediary under contract with CMS; (3) The PRRB; (4) a consultant or attorney or other representative under contract with User to prosecute, or assist in the prosecution of, an administrative and/or judicial appeal of CMS's calculation of its disproportionate patient percentage; (5) the Department of Justice (6) a Federal court. Any such grant of access by User to individually identifiable data under the foregoing Exception shall be strictly limited to the extent necessary for User to calculate its Medicare fraction of the disproportionate patient percentage – User is expected to redact individually identifiable data and/or use code identifiers wherever possible. User further agrees that, within the User organization, access to the data covered by this Agreement shall be limited to the minimum number of individuals necessary to achieve the purpose stated in this section paragraph and to those individuals on a need-to-know basis only.

5. The following CMS data file(s) is/are covered under this Agreement:  
MEDPAR File Extract

Provider Number	Provider Cost Reporting Period

The above file(s) are being disclosed to User under routine use 3 of the ‘Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MEDPAR), HHS/CMS/OIS, 09-70-0514’ Privacy Act system of records, published at 71 Fed. Reg. 17470 (April 06, 2006).

6. The parties mutually agree that the aforesaid file(s) (and/or any derivative file(s) (which includes any file that maintains or continues identification of individuals)) may be retained by User until \_\_\_\_\_ (retention date cannot exceed 5 years), hereinafter known as the “retention date”.

CMS will extend the retention date at the request of the User for good cause shown. User agrees to notify CMS within 30 days of the completion of the purpose specified in paragraph 4 if the purpose is completed before the aforementioned retention date. Upon such notice or retention date, whichever occurs sooner, CMS will notify User either to return all data files to CMS at User’s expense or to destroy such data. If CMS elects to have User destroy the data, User agrees to certify the destruction of the files in writing within 30 days of receiving CMS’s instruction. A statement certifying this action must be sent to CMS. If CMS elects to have the data returned, User agrees to return all files to CMS within 30 days of receiving notice to that effect. If CMS does not notify User within 30 days of the date of User’s notice to CMS, User agrees to return all files to CMS prior to the retention date. User agrees that no data from CMS records, or any parts thereof, shall be retained when the aforementioned file(s) are returned or destroyed unless authorization in writing for the retention of such file(s) has been received from the appropriate Systems Manager or the person designated in paragraph 17 of this Agreement. User acknowledges that strict adherence to the aforementioned retention date is required.

The Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time for any reason upon 30 days written notice. Upon such notice, CMS will cease releasing data to User under this Agreement and will notify User either to return all previously released data files to CMS at User’s expense or destroy such data. Sections 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7. User agrees to establish appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the data and to prevent unauthorized use or access to it. The safeguards shall provide a level and scope of security that is not less than the level and scope of security established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in OMB Circular No. A-130, Appendix III—Security of Federal Automated Information Systems (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a130/a130.html>), which sets forth guidelines for security plans for automated information systems in Federal agencies. User acknowledges that the use of unsecured telecommunications, including the Internet, to transmit individually identifiable or deducible information derived from the file(s) specified in paragraph 5 is prohibited. Further, User agrees that the data must not be physically moved or transmitted in any way from the site(s) indicated in paragraph 16, except as provided in paragraph 4, without written approval from CMS.

8. User agrees that the authorized representatives of CMS or DHHS Office of the Inspector General will be granted access to premises where the aforesaid file(s) are kept for the purpose of inspecting security arrangements confirming whether the User is in compliance with the security requirements specified in paragraph 7.
9. User agrees that, except as provided in paragraph 6, no findings, listing, or information derived from the file(s) specified in paragraph 5, with or without identifiers, may be released if such findings, listing, or information contain any combination of data elements that might allow the deduction of a beneficiary's identification without first obtaining written authorization from the appropriate System Manager or the person designated in paragraph 17 of this Agreement. Examples of such data elements include but are not limited to geographic indicator, age, sex, diagnosis, procedure, admission/discharge date(s), or date of death. User agrees further that CMS shall be the sole judge as to whether any finding, listing, information, or any combination of data extracted or derived from CMS's files identifies or would, with reasonable effort, permit one to identify an individual or to deduce the identity of an individual to a reasonable degree of certainty.
10. User understands and agrees that it may not reuse original or derivative data file(s) without prior written approval from the appropriate System Manager or the person designated in paragraph 17 of this Agreement.
11. The parties mutually agree that the following specified Attachments are part of this Agreement:
- ☐ NO ATTACHMENTS
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12. User agrees that in the event CMS determines or has a reasonable belief that User has made or may have made disclosure of the aforesaid file(s) that is not authorized by this Agreement or other written authorization from the appropriate System Manager or the person designated in paragraph 17 of this Agreement, CMS in its sole discretion may require User to: (a) promptly investigate and report to CMS User's determinations regarding any alleged or actual unauthorized disclosure, (b) promptly resolve any problems identified by the investigation; (c) if requested by CMS, submit a formal response to an allegation of unauthorized disclosure; (d) if requested by CMS, submit a corrective action plan with steps designed to prevent any future unauthorized disclosures; and (e) if requested by CMS, return data files to CMS. User understands that as a result of CMS's determination or reasonable belief that unauthorized disclosures have taken place, CMS may refuse to release further CMS data to User for a period of time to be determined by CMS.
13. User hereby acknowledges that criminal penalties under § 1106(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1306(a)), including a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or both, may apply to disclosures of information that are covered by § 1106 and that are not authorized by regulation or by Federal law. User further acknowledges that criminal penalties under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i) (3)) may apply if it is determined that the Requestor, User or Custodian, or any individual employed or affiliated therewith, knowingly and willfully obtained the file(s) under false pretenses. Any person found guilty under the Privacy Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Finally, User acknowledges that criminal penalties may be imposed under 18 U.S.C. § 641 if it is determined that the User, or any individual employed or affiliated therewith, has taken or converted to his own use data file(s), or received the file(s) knowing that they were stolen or converted. Persons convicted under § 641 shall be fined under Title 18 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the value of such property does not exceed the sum of \$1,000, they shall be fined under Title 18 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.
14. By signing this Agreement, User agrees to abide by all provisions set out in this Agreement for protection of the data file(s) specified in paragraph 5, and acknowledges having received notice of potential criminal or administrative penalties for violation of the terms of the Agreement.

15. On behalf of User the undersigned individual hereby attests that he or she is authorized to enter into this Agreement and agrees to all the terms specified herein.

Name and Title of User *(Representative for Provider) (typed or printed)*

Provider Name

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Office Telephone *(Include Area Code)*

E-Mail Address *(If applicable)*

Signature

Date

16. The parties mutually agree that the following named individual(s) and/or entities is or are designated as Custodian(s) of the file(s) on behalf of User and each person or entity so designated will be responsible for the observance of all conditions of use and for establishment and maintenance of security arrangements as specified in this Agreement to prevent unauthorized use. User is responsible for any non-observance of the conditions of use, and/or failure to establish or maintain security arrangements, on the part of any Custodian. User agrees to notify CMS within fifteen (15) days of any change of custodianship. The parties mutually agree that CMS may disapprove the appointment of a custodian or may require the appointment of a new custodian at any time.

Each Custodian agrees and in his or her capacity as an employee or contractor (including consultant, attorney or other representative) of the User to comply with all of the provisions of this Agreement on behalf of User.

Name of Custodian *(typed or printed)*

Company/Organization

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Office Telephone *(Include Area Code)*

E-Mail Address *(If applicable)*

Signature

Date

17. The parties mutually agree that the following named individual will be designated as point-of-contact for the Agreement on behalf of CMS.

On behalf of CMS the undersigned individual hereby attests that he or she is authorized to enter into this Agreement and agrees to all the terms specified herein.

Name of CMS Representative

**JoAnn Cerne**

Title/Component

**Health Insurance Specialist, CMM, Division of Acute Care**

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Signature

Date